

Consumer Advisories

Raw or undercooked animal foods, that have not been thoroughly cooked, can pose a risk to the consumer and cause a foodborne illness. A consumer advisory is required where raw or undercooked animal foods or foods that contain raw or undercooked animal food ingredients are served or sold.

Establishments that serve highly susceptible populations (i.e. preschool age children, older adults, or those with compromised immune systems) are prohibited from serving undercooked or raw animal foods.

Establishments that have a children's menu may not offer undercooked ground meats (i.e. hamburgers), even with a consumer advisory.

Examples of foods that are typically made with raw or undercooked animal foods that would require a consumer advisory are:

- Dressings or sauces such as hollandaise, béarnaise or Caesar *
- "Establishment-made" mayonnaise **
- Shellfish served raw on the half shell
- Sushi made with raw fish
- Steak tartare
- Hamburgers/other meat* that are served "medium rare or rare"
- Soft-boiled, soft-scrambled, or soft fried shell eggs**
- Omelets, French toast, bread puddings**
- Mousses, meringues and eggnogs**

Any other food made with a raw animal food ingredient served in a less than thoroughly cooked state

*"Whole muscle intact beef" does not require a consumer

**Pasteurized liquid eggs or pasteurized shell eggs do not require a consumer advisory

> It is the responsibility of the food establishment to notify the consumer of increased risk by including a correctly written CONSUMER ADVISORY with these two items:

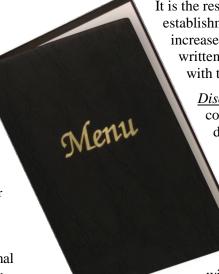
> > Disclosure Statement: informs the consumer that a particular animalderived food is served raw or undercooked or contains raw or undercooked ingredients; and

Reminder Statement: informs the consumer of the increased risk of foodborne illness associated with consuming raw or undercooked animal-derived foods,

especially if the person has certain medical conditions.

Methods of informing consumers may include menu advisories, labels, deli case/table tents, placards, brochures, and any other written means.

The disclosure identifier may be a simple asterisk next to a menu item that is referenced to the reminder footnote on the bottom of the menu.





Listed below are two examples of advisory statements:

- Our Caesar dressing is made with raw eggs. Regarding the safety of these items, written information is available upon request.
- Hamburgers can be cooked to order.*

*Whether dining out or preparing food at home, consuming raw or undercooked animal foods may increase your risk of foodborne illness.